

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The prior art, including the disclosures of Alsolaim et al. ("Architecture and Application of a Dynamically Reconfigurable Hardware Array for Future Mobile Communications Systems"), Henry (U.S. Patent No. 4,791,603), Fette et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,862,407), Bell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,888), and Crabill (U.S. Patent 6,725,364), has not taught or render obvious the features of configuring the control unit state machine using the fuse map and configuring the control unit lookup table using the table content data as recited in independent claims 1, 17, and 24 (in combination with all other features of the respective independent claim).
2. Claims 2 and 4-11 depend from claim 1 and are considered allowable for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.
3. Claims 18 and 20-23 depend from claim 17 and are considered allowable for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 17.
4. Claims 25 and 27-30 depend from claim 24 and are considered allowable for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 24.

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